areas. Arrests have been made of anti-social elements. The State Government has also held peace meetings and all party meetings involving all political parties and Bodo and Santhal leaders for defusing the situation. Camps have been opened to provide relief to displaced persons. Besides, rehabilitation grant of Rs. 25 Crores has been sanctioned and released to State Government for rehabilitation of displaced persons.

(c) According to available reports, about 2.25 lakhs persons have taken shelter in the refugee camps in Kokrajhar district.

Kidnapping and Political Murders in Nagaland

1125. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kidnapping cases and political murders which have occurred in Nagaland during the last three months; and

(b) the action Government have taken to curb the activities of terrorists in Nagaland and results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per available reports, there have been 11 incidents of kidnapping in Nagaland during the last three months. No incidence of political murder has been reported during the period.

(b) The steps taken by the Central Government to curb insurgency include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, modernisation/upgradation of state Police Forces, declaration of the most seriously affected areas as disturbed areas and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations. There is also a scheme under operation to meet security related expenditure of insurgency affected States by the Centre. The entire insurgency situation is kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time. Since August 1, 1997 Government of India have entered into a Cease-Fire with the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland and Political talks have also been initiated. As a result, incidents of attack on police/security forces in Nagaland have come down from 51 in 1997 to 10 in 1998 (upto December 2). During the same periods, killings of police/security forces personnel have come down from 38 to 14 and those of civilians from 92 to 25.

Mafia Raj in Bihar

1126. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Patna he is reported to have said that there is a mafia Raj in Bihar, as reported in the Economic Times, dated the 9th November, 1998; and

(b) if so, the basis of such remarks against the State Government of Bihar where incidents of murders, kidnappings, etc. are much less in comparison to such incidents in the State of uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) What the Prime Minister had stated was that Bihar State had reached a stage where mafia had started behaving as if they were ruling Bihar.

Cases of death sentence for Rape accused

1127. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which persons accused and convicted of rape followed with murder of the victims, including cases whose the victim was a minor, had been sentenced to death, during 1995 and till date; and

(b) whether inadequacy of deterrent provided by law and the legal process is